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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR ALI REZA

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S/S PASS ATHERTON FROM SOBER

1. AGREEMENT FOR ALI ABDULLAH ALI REZA TO BE THE NEW
SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES WAS APPROVED BY
PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 28.

2. WE BELIEVE THE SECRETARY MIGHT WANT TO CONVEY
THIS NEWS PERSONALLY TO KING KHALID AND PRINCE FAHD
WHEN HE VISITS TAIF. THEREFORE SUGGEST ADDING FOLLOWING
TALKING POINT TO SECRETARY'S BRIEFING PAPER:

-- WE ARE HAPPY TO INFORM YOU OF OUR AGREEMENT FOR ALI
ABDULLAH ALI REZA TO BE YOUR NEXT AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED
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STATES AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS

APPOINTED SUCH A DISTINGUISHED PERSON WHO KNOWS THE
U.S. SO WELL. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING A CLOSE
WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR ALI REZA. INGERSOLL

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